

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following replacement paragraph:

a The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/291,677 filed April 14, 1999 in the name of inventors M. Besz et al. and entitled "Prefix Tree Adder with Efficient Carry Generation," which issued March 4, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,529,931, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/525,644 filed March 15, 2000 in the name of inventors A. Goldovsky et al. and entitled "Prefix Tree Adder with Efficient Sum Generation," which issued March 25, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,539,413, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/569,022 filed May 11, 2000 in the name of inventors A. Goldovsky et al. and entitled "Incorporation of Split-Adder Logic within a Carry-Skip Adder without Additional Propagation Delay," which issued June 24, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,584,484, all of which are incorporated by reference herein.